As an Indiana citizen, I am STRONGLY OPPOSED to proceeding 02-278. Before the Indiana "Do Not Call" law was enacted, I received over 30 unwanted phone solicitations EACH DAY!!! Due to these annoying and unwanted intrusions into my life, I was considering giving up my phone. These people were making my phone useless to me. But thanks to the Indiana "Do Not Call" law, I can have my phone to speak with my aging parents, my pastor, my doctor, and my grandchildren. It is MY phone.

I placed my phone number on the Indiana "Do Not Call" list because I chose to NOT receive these annoying calls and I will NOT buy anything that these people are trying to sell. Millions of my fellow Indiana citizens are on the "Do Not Call" list for the same reason. These telemarketing businesses can call people who have chosen TO receive their calls by not having their name on this list.

The telephone is a vital tool for any family. Its usefulness is greatly diminished by having to answer so many UNWANTED calls from people whose sole aim is to get into my wallet. Please do not dilute this important law. It is the only good law to come out of any legislative body in this country in the past decade!!!

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